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Five O'Clock.

GREAT FIRE!

Boston Partially in Ruins!

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Fire Raging Saturday Night and Sunday.

Entire Blocks of Buildings Blown Up in Attempts to Stay the Progress of the Devouring Elements!

Thousands of the Costliest Business Houses in the Country Destroyed!

Seventy Acres of Warehouses and Residences Burned!

Fearful Destruction of Property and Loss of Life!

The Losses Estimated at Over a Hundred Millions!

Thousands of Families Homeless and Women and Children Fleeing from their Houses!

List of the Principal Sufferers!

Relief Meeting Held!

The Fire Still Raging!

THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE.

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BOSTON, November 9.—A very extensive conflagration is now raging at the corner of Summer and Kingston streets. The fire extends east and west on Kingston street and north and south on Summer street. The engines are manned by hand. The property burning is all dry goods stores. Four alarms have been sounded.

10 P. M.—There is no abatement to the conflagration. It is the most extensive fire that has visited Boston for twenty years. It is in the solid dry goods portion of the city. It has extended the entire length of Winthrop square, which embraces A. T. Stewart's, J. M. Beebe's, Anderson, Hetth & Co.'s, and Houghton, Perkins & Co.'s stores. No estimate of the loss can be given, but reporters say it will go into millions. The suburban fire department has been called on. The fire is now at its height. The buildings are principally of granite. A northwest wind is prevailing. The press here call it a second "Chicago."

11 P. M.—The fire is now within two blocks of the Western Union Telegraph Office. The operators are taking up their instruments, preparing to vacate. Firemen and material have been ordered to Boston from adjoining towns, so that if communication with New York is lost now, which seems very likely, it will probably be soon restored, certainly at an early hour in the morning, if not to-night. The fire has now traveled half a mile through the heart of the business portion of the city, and is spreading with frightful rapidity.

11:30 P. M.—The fire is now progressing towards Broad street, having swept both sides of Summer street to High street and Purchase street. Goods are being removed from stores in every direction in the vicinity of the fire. Engines have been telegraphed for from Providence, Worcester and other places.

Midnight.—The fire is moving up Franklin street. It has reached nearly to Hawley street. The Cathedral building, on the corner of Devonshire and Franklin streets, is on fire, with no hopes of saving it. The flames are also spreading on Federal and Congress streets. Every kind of vehicle is impressed for moving goods. The fire has reached Broad street. The wharves south of Congress street, and the vessels are on fire. The Hartford and Erie railroad depot is burned.

November 10—12:30 A. M.—The fire rages. It is feared the entire area from Summer street on the south to Washington street on the west, and Milk street on the north to the water east, will be wasted. The Pearl street has so far escaped. The heat is intense.

1 A. M.—The flames have reached Washington street, north of Franklin. The *Transcript* office is on fire. All the splendid granite warehouses on Franklin Square, Winthrop Square and vicinity are burned. Fears are now entertained that the flames will sweep everything to State street, if not further north.

1:30 A. M.—The report that the *Transcript* office was on fire is incorrect, but the buildings on the east side of Washington street are in imminent danger. The Boston *Pilot* office and building on Franklin street are destroyed. The wind continues north-west and fresh.

1:45 A. M.—Among the prominent buildings already destroyed are the Cathedral, Bedell, Dunbar, Hollister & Hamilton Block, Boston *Pilot* building and rear of Boston *Transcript* buildings. Orders have been given to blow up both corners at the junction of Devonshire and Milk streets. The fire is spreading toward South Boston, and also progressing towards State street from Franklin street. The large block opposite the *Pilot* office, chiefly occupied by wholesale woolen dealers, is now all on fire. Arrangements are being made to blow up two corners of Franklin street to prevent the conflagration from extending further towards State street. Immense crowds of people fill the streets and every effort is being made by them to save the property, which is being transferred to various parts of the city. The utmost good order prevails, and nothing is done which at ordinary times would be considered unseemly. It is evident that the business portion of our city is to be laid in ruins.

1:50 A. M.—Jordan & Marsh, Horey, and other firms on Washington street are moving their goods, and many parties on Milk and Water streets, and even as far north as State street, are doing the same. All the newspaper offices have a force on hand prepared to move at a moment's notice. It is reported that several firemen are killed.

2 A. M.—The fire has broken out on both sides of Pearl street, corner of High, and threatens the destruction of this great centre of the shoe and leather business.

2:30 A. M.—Two buildings have just been blown up at the south corner of Devonshire and Milk streets, which, it is hoped, will stay the progress of the fire towards State street, and save the new unfinished postoffice building. The streets leading to the fire are blockaded with ropes, and are in care of strong detachments of police, who have strict instructions to permit no one to pass the barriers on any pretenses. Thus it is impossible to obtain more than a general account of the progress of the flames. Both sides of Hawley street, and also Morton Place, are now on fire. The fire on Franklin street has not yet reached Washington street.

3 A. M.—Steam fire engines have reached here from Worcester. They were pushed through by rail, a distance of forty-four miles, in forty-five minutes. As the present moment the fire has not extended south beyond Summer street, near the foot of which the Hartford and Erie railroad depot was located, but the flames continue to rage fiercely.

3:10 A. M.—Livid columns of flame and smoke, caused by the blowing up of buildings and crushing and falling of walls, makes the scene grand and terrific. The whole population appears to be on the streets and house tops to witness the conflagration. The fire has extended to Washington street on the south and north corners. Loud reports have just been heard. Probably other buildings are being blown up.

3:15 A. M.—The fire did not reach the Hartford and Erie Railroad depot. The whole of Pearl street is in ruins. Several buildings on Washington street, including Macullar & Williams's, are burned, and the fire is now between the firemen cannot fight it successfully. The North, National and River banks are burned.

4 A. M.—It is impossible at this time to give an approximation of the loss. It will never be correct statement of the extent of the devastation. The fire is burning as fiercely as ever, and will probably cross Milk street towards State street.

4:15 A. M.—The conflagration continues with fearful effect. Building after building is blown up, with the only apparent effect of increasing the terrible volume of flame. The newspaper offices which are on the line of the fire have made all preparations for the removal of books, papers, &c., with no hope of saving any material. The *Transcript* office is already in flames, and the old South Church, dear to all Bostonians, is at last to fall victim to the fire. The *Journal* office will next have to succumb, and the *Post*, *Globe* and *Traveller* will soon follow. All the auxiliary forces of the fire department are being placed in State street, to protect, if possible, the banks and insurance offices. The new postoffice, although incomplete, will undoubtedly be ruined. If the flames be not stopped at State street, the whole south part of the city will be consumed. The fire has not yet touched the west part of Washington street. Milk street is now on fire between Pearl and Federal.

4:30 A. M.—All valuables are being removed from the State street banks and insurance offices. The Western Union Company is moving its more valuable apparatus. Goods placed in State street for safety are being tranferred to more distant quarters.

4:50 A. M.—The employes are now leaving the Western Union Telegraph office. Men have been sent to the Providence depot in Boston, to tap the wires and work to New York.

4:55 A. M.—The gas is now going out in the Telegraph office.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

BOSTON, November 10—7 A. M.—The fire which commenced at half-past seven last night continues its devastation, and is now working its way through the large block between Devonshire and Congress streets, north of Water street. The fire first broke out of the rear end of the large five story granite building, Nos. 87, 89, and 91 Summer street, directly on the corner of Kingston street. This building was surmounted with a high Mansard roof, overtopping all the other buildings in that immediate vicinity. Directly as the flames began to spread through the story beneath this roof, and before an engine or hose carriage was on the ground, a great volume of flame suddenly burst out from the rear lower stories of the building, and in less than twenty minutes the whole broad faced, extending back to the top of the buildings on Arch street, a dozen doors removed from Summer street. Almost before the existence of the flames in this quarter was known they had spread down through the building, and were bursting in a perfect torrent from all the windows in front of the fancy goods store of Hawley, Folsom & Martin. The fire spread to each side, enveloping the store of Thos. Kelly & Co., D. M. Hodgden, clothing; March Bros., Pierce & Co., Miner, Beales & Hackett, all of which were quickly blazing. No less than half an hour thereafter flames were bursting out of the roofs and all up and down both sides of the immense structures. By this time the wind had increased to nearly a gale, and the flames having the entire mastery of everything, swept from story to story, from roof to roof, from block to block, and from corner to corner, driving the firemen from every vantage ground they could secure, rendering all their exertions useless and futile.

The large block on the corner of Summer and Keystone, in which the fire first started, was occupied on the first and upper floors by Jobbitts, Baldwin & Davis, dry good jobbers. K. Young & Co., occupied the third and fourth stories, manufacturers fo skirts, &c., giving employment to about 200 men.

The second floor was occupied by Damon Temple & Co., furnishing goods, &c. Notwithstanding this great building was in almost an incredible short space of time completely burned to the ground, its destruction had not progressed far before the flames and sparks which arose from it had lodged upon all the buildings round about. Thus the fire had spread instantly in three directions—first to the adjoining block on Summer street, then across Summer street to the opposite block, and then across Kingston street. In the first named direction the adjoining building was occupied by Leeland & Wheeling, gents furnishing goods, and Sheffield, Mansfield & Emerson, importers of dry-goods. The next are Edgar, Bartlett & Co., woolen goods; O. B. North & Son, hats, caps and furs; says Farley, Asesden & Co., dry-goods jobbers; and Rhodes & Ripley, wholesale clothing. The latter firm owned the building.

The structure opposite the point of starting was of granite, four stories and a half high, occupied largely by Mayd'yn, Mullen & Elmes, dealers in trimmings, who used the entire lower floor; Harding, Bros. & Co., and G. L. Ide, Carter & Co., occupied the upper floor.

From this building across the square diagonally was a solid block, occupied by Smith, Rich & Corton, and George M. Glasier, dealer in corsets, skirts and knit goods. On the corner of Otis and Summer streets stood the Everett block, an imposing granite structure, owned by the Everett estate. It included 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62 and 64 Summer street, and was occupied by D Lyons & Co., Nell Bros, Dryfus, Phillips and Suman, O. K. King & Co., and Muir Bros., jobbers in clothing, furnishing goods, fancy trimmings, &c. The upper floors were used mostly as offices, and were occupied by various parties.

Now the fire began to creep steadily up both sides of Summer street, crawling along from roof to roof. Opposite the Everett block, the buildings, as they were engulfed in rapid succession, were as follows: Birkswell, front occupied by A. Folsom & Sons, floor cloth and oil cloths; Geo. H. Butler, hair goods, and Eugene Chapin, commission merchant; Granite block—Morse, Hammond & Co., hosiery and gloves; Stiles, Beale & Thomas, wholesale clothing; Keane & Co., hats, caps and furs; Stocker Bros., hat and manufacturers; Wyman & Arkley, imported goods and linens; Ewing, Wiss & Fall, linens and white goods; Rothwell, Tucker, Fattern & Co., clothing; Mitchell, Green & Smith, clothing.

At this time (about ten o'clock) the flames soared from

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THE official majority for General Grant in the three banner counties of the State, Philadelphia, Allegheny and Lancaster, figures up the magnificent total of 70,808! But even this is hardly so astonishing as 1,218 for Grant in Democratic Fayette, or 693 in Westmoreland, the "star of the west," as it used to be called.

THE City Councils hold a meeting to-day, and will probably extend an invitation to the Constitutional Convention to hold its sessions—or at least a portion of them—in this city. The invitation will be eminently proper, even if it should not be accepted. Philadelphia will endeavor to have the Convention adjourn to that city, at once, and go on with its work there.

THE resignation by Judge Mercur of his seat in Congress, to take his position as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, will leave a vacancy in the Bradford Congressional District. To save the trouble and expense of a special election, the Bradford *Reporter* is in favor of permitting the district to remain unrepresented for the short session that terminates the forty-second Congress.

THE prejudice on the subject of color and race is fast disappearing. It has no longer a lodgment in the Republican party. Mr. William D. Forten, of Philadelphia, on the ticket in this State for Presidential elector, runs even with the highest of his associates, and ahead of some of them. Three years ago he did not have the right to vote. Now he is chosen by an unprecedented majority to a position of responsibility and honor, as one of the twenty-nine electors who will cast the vote of Pennsylvania for General Grant.

THE re-election of President Tejada in Mexico, by an almost unanimous vote, gives promise for a more peaceful and prosperous future in that Republic. The President proposes as his rule of action, according to a telegram from the city of Mexico "little politics and much administration," a pithy utterance that covers the wants of Mexico. Railroad development is likely to be the great feature of President Tejada's policy. The road from Vera Cruz to the capital is approaching completion, and the plan is to extend it to the Pacific. General Rosecrans is deep in Mexican railroad projects and at this time is in the city of Mexico, working for government aid to his scheme for a road to the Pacific.

THE Liberals of Cincinnati propose to continue their organization, on the basis of the Cincinnati platform, with the adoption of "a more decided expression of opinion in favor of a tariff for revenue only;" which was omitted from the original document to accommodate Mr. Greeley. A conference of leading supporters of the State Liberal movement in Ohio, is to be held in Columbus, this week, to start the remodeled party under fair headway. There is nothing like taking time by the forelock, and these Cincinnati Doctors of Politics are in the field for the next canvass before the vote at the late election has been officially declared. This movement probably indicates what will be the course of the opposition to the Republican party in all States except Pennsylvania. Free trade, or a tariff for revenue only, will be the prominent idea, and the great mass of the supporters of Mr. Greeley will organize in advancing it. We suspect, however, that on this principle the *Tribune* and Mr. Greeley will be more consistent with their past history than they have been of late on other questions, in which the public manifests a deeper interest than in the theories of the free traders.

THE arrangements for the Centennial International Exhibition at Philadelphia, in 1876, are taking shape, and there is promise of effective and systematic work in the future. A meeting of the Pennsylvania corporators, under the law of Congress, was held in Philadelphia on Thursday, and a plan perfected for placing the stock in market. Under the law the Centennial Board of Finance was authorized to issue ten millions of dollars in shares of ten dollars each, which is to be offered to the people of the several States and Territories in proportion to population. Pennsylvania, under this apportionment, will be entitled to 91,341 shares. The opportunity for general subscription to the stock is limited to one hundred days, in each State and Territory, from the time of the opening of the books. The payments are to be made in five installments of twenty per cent., terminating in November, 1873. The different counties of the State are to be canvassed, so as to make the subscriptions as general as possible. The corporators in other States are also moving to secure the subscriptions allotted to them. The plan appears to be to select from the National Banks a certain number to act as agents for soliciting subscriptions. There is no doubt but that the stock will be promptly taken. Aside from the argument of patriotism, appealing to every one to have a hand on the centennial jubilee, the stock is likely to prove a good investment.

SPEEDY and cheap transit from the factories, stores and workshops of great cities, to the suburbs where rents are cheap and the air pure and health-giving, is one of the important problems of the day. The Massachusetts Legislature—they are always ahead in such matters in Yankee-land—last winter attempted to meet the question by a law providing that, when a certain number of persons living on the line of a railroad should petition the managers of the same, they should put on two daily trains at reduced rates of fare, to be run at hours that will accommodate working people in going to and returning from the place of their employment. Under this statute the Eastern Railroad from Boston to Lynn, though denying the competency of such legislation, and averring that the proposed rates will not pay the expenses of running the trains, announce that they will try the experiment. Accordingly a new train will leave Lynn at 5:32 and arrive at Boston at 8:45 A. M., and returning leave Boston at 6:25 P. M. The fare on these trains will be five cents, without reference to how far the passenger may ride. That is, the tickets will be sold twenty for a dollar, which will be received on these trains but on no others. The company do not enter upon the experiment in very good temper, but nevertheless it may prove to be the initial step to an important reform. We leave the reader to judge what a revolution the running of such trains would create in our suburban districts, say from Sewickley, Turtle Creek or Braddock's, to the city.

BOSTON IN RUINS!

But a little over a year has elapsed since the greater part of Chicago was consumed by fire, and now we have a repetition of the calamity in solid, substantial Boston, a city of all others in the country where, in the usual order of events, it would be least expected. We refer to our news columns for details of the terrible catastrophe received up to the hour of going to press this morning. As in Chicago, the Boston conflagration appears to have had an accidental origin. In Chicago, when once the fire obtained headway, with the wind in its favor, and wooden tenements to feed upon, its extent is hardly to be wondered at; but the brick, stone and mortar solidity of Boston, with a thoroughly organized fire department—something they did not have in Chicago—would seem to most minds to have afforded a guarantee against a recurrence in that city of the Chicago disaster. But it seems not, and the lesson we must learn from these great fires, in common with the people of other large cities, is the futility of all our modern contrivances and perfected organizations in staying the progress of the flames, when once they usurp the field to themselves, and are aided by favoring winds. The gale in Boston, accompanying the conflagration, must have been something like that of Chicago, that swept through blocks of marble, granite, and iron in its devastating course. Both fires impress the importance on the fire authorities of concentrating all their energies and resources at the outset of a fire to prevent it becoming master of the situation. This we take to be the true theory of fire management, and in fact the only one that affords any guarantee against such terrible calamities as Chicago and Boston have experienced. Whatever expenditure is necessary to make our fire department thoroughly efficient in all its parts, so that it may be enabled to concentrate great suppressing power at the outset of every fire, should be freely granted. The fire department should be able to do this, and still have a strong reserve. This is what we learn from Chicago and Boston.

We presume the Boston calamity has entailed great loss upon those least able to bear it, and that there will be a call upon the generosity of the people for immediate aid. Pittsburgh will promptly do its part in a work of this character, for our people can never forget the generosity of others, when we suffered in a like manner, a quarter of a century ago. We presume a public meeting to organize for action will be called at once.

RAILROADS AND CORPORATIONS.

As the Constitutional Convention meets to-morrow, we have the opportunity for but few more article, and we devote them to what we regard as the most important subject of all,—that of Railroads and Corporations. It is well known that the principal revenues of the State are derived from these sources, and it should be known that there is much complaint from them on the ground that they are excessively taxed. There is a three per cent., tax on capital stock, and five per cent., on tonnage. At the present this is, to some extent evaded, and it is claimed that small corporations cannot stand it. All this, as matters now stand, is doubtless true as regards corporations, other than established railroads. These however, are able, in one sense, to stand it, in another, not. They will no doubt make an aggressive movement in the Convention, to relieve themselves of burden. We are willling that they should; but we hope the entire subject of railway franchises and regulations will be opened up, and many evils remedied.

Among these are, charging low competitive through rates, and high local rates: the use of excess of monies, over expenses and dividends, to corrupt legislatures and build railroads in other States. We are probably not far enough along, as yet, to demand that security to life and limb that prevails in England. The worst feature of our railway system is the inequality of rates. Passengers and freight will be transported from New York to Chicago and farther west, at rates far below those between any points in this or other States. The difficulty in arguing against this is that the root difficulty is in the rivalry of cities, States, and more particularly trades. New York, for example, will not join Pennsylvania in repressing the through freight evil; or if she did, the States west would sustain the desires of competitive lines. Freighters, too, exert very much more power over railway companies than is imagined. Yet both New York and Illinois are in advance of Pennsylvania in the control they exercise over railroads. The New York Central and other railroads in that State are not allowed to charge in excess of two cents per mile for passengers and proportionately for freight. In Illinois, railroad companies are limited in the use of monies, and are compelled to report to the legislature, thus taking from them the inducement to over-charge.

If a demand is made for reduced taxation, this should be supplemented by one of two requirements,—either that rates to the people of this State shall be reduced, or a report made to the Legislature annually, showing receipts and disbursements,—these being limited to the regular operation of the road and the payment of dividends. We prefer that there should be provision made for both these things. It is a well settled fact that where a road is well patronized passengers can be carried at a profit on a charge of one per cent. per mile. They are self moving freight, and the only difference between them and freight is, the increased rate of speed of passenger trains, and the cost of coaches over freight cars. Make the price two cents per mile and all contingencies are covered, and a clear margin for profit left! The best evidence of the feasibility of this reasoning is that the New York Central is run at this rate of charge and is one of the most prosperous roads in the country. Another evidence in the same direction is the fact that the money for carrying forward the most gigantic railway enterprises in other States comes from corporations that make their money chiefly within the bounds and from the people of this Commonwealth.

But even with this limitation another is imperatively needed. Reports should be made to the Legislature in detail, showing receipts and expenditures, so that a check may be put upon illegal outlays of money. If nothing else is done, provision should be made to prevent the watering of stock, so as to absorb increased dividends, and to limit outlays, the idea being, so soon as any railroad can afford to reduce rates of traffic it shall be compelled to do it. These will be found checks that may be very necessary to apply in the years to come.

This railroad question is one of the most important of the age. It cannot be fully discussed in all its bearings, in a brief article. So far as the Convention is concerned, however, there are many important considerations to be taken into the account. The legislature should have more perfect supervision of them, and yet in such a way as to prevent its being corrupted. Yet more than all, they should be regarded as public institutions, to be controlled in behalf of the public good. The tendency is to regard them as corporations entirely independent of the public and to be managed for their own aggrandizement. The sooner this idea is abrogated the better. We find ourselves limited in time and space, and will more carefully consider some of the points merely stated in this issue in a subsequent number.

CERTAIN railway monopolies have been ruling California and Nevada with a high hand for a few years past and the people of both States appear to have revolted at the late election, and chosen Congressmen and Legislatures free from such influences. The railroad people, it seems, secured control of the Republican local nominations, while the Democratic candidates, and in some instances Republican candidates also, represented opposition to monopoly rule. The railroad candidates were defeated, notwithstanding they were on the ticket with General Grant, who has a decided majority in both States. This is right. When chartered monopolies undertake the management of politics, and nominate candidates as the especial representatives of their interests and projects, they invite defeat. For a time their dictation may be tolerated, but sooner or later the people will grow restive under such rule, and sweep it from existence. What has been done in California and Nevada will be repeated in other States whenever the exactions of the monopolies invite the lesson.

THE *Chicago Tribune* thinks that the October elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, every four years, practically control the choice and sentiment of the Union in the matter of the Presidency. There is no doubt their influence is very great if not controlling. To counteract or offset what it calls the "undue influence" of these States, the *Tribune* suggests that a number of other large and principal States —New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and California for instance—should also select the second Tuesday of October for their State elections. A better plan would be to have all State elections in the Presidential year held in November, but it is not at all likely to be adopted.

GENERAL NEWS.

RUSSIA in Asia has always been aggressive. That Empire extends now from the Baltic Sea to the Sea of Okhotsk, and is gradually absorbing territory after territory of those States that bar her progress to the Arabian Sea and British India.

AN Artesian well is now sinking on the premises of the Boston Gas Light Company, and is to be bored to the depth of twenty-one hundred feet, at an expense of ten thousand dollars. The bore is six inches in diameter, and has been carried to a depth of eleven hundred feet. The work has been in progress for twenty-three months.

AT the close of the French and German war quantities of seed potatoes were sent from Great Britain to enable the half-ruined French farmers, whose lands had been overrun by the contending armies, to produce a crop for the ensuing year. Part of the second year's produce of these seed potatoes is now being shipped for the English markets.

THE Signal Service weather reports are now received at Washington three times each day, from 70 different stations, embracing the most prominent meteorological and commercial points in the United States, and the information thus obtained furnishes the basis on which Professor Cleveland Abbe makes up his daily diagnosis of the weather.

DURING the past winter a British steamship made two successful trips from the Chesapeake to London, loaded exclusively with Baltimore oysters. So great was the success attending the undertaking that it is now learned that three large vessels are now on their way to this country from European ports under charter to take cargoes of Baltimore oysters to London.

A SMALL son of Mr. Eugene Barnes, about eight years of age, while returning to his home from school, near Georgetown, Ky., on Thursday, through a lot of hogs on his father's farm, and, it is thought, was playing with some small pigs, when the large hogs rushed upon him, and no one being near, killed him and ate him up, with the exception of his head and shoulders.

A REMARKABLE case of catelepsy occurred last week at Fort Wayne, Indiana. A little girl, three years old, was supposed to have died, and every preparation for the funeral was made thereafter. While the funeral services were in progress, and the body of the child was about to be conveyed to the tomb, the supposed corpse revived, and to the great surprise and joy of mourning friends the child was again restored to life, and has now fully recovered.

THE number of Americans traveling in Europe is estimated as high as fifty thousand; that is to say, so many visit the Old World during the year, and remain abroad from two to ten months. The American *Register*, published in Paris, gives a pretty fair idea of the extent of this travel. The number for October 19th contains ten columns of the names of those registered at various banking houses in the principal European cities.

THE Lutheran Church, which held its Annual Council at Akron, Ohio, last week, is one of the oldest of Protestant denominations, and in Europe the most powerful. It was formed in 1507, and made its advent to this country in New York in 1630. It claims twenty-five million members in Europe, and is the established religion in more European States than any other Protestant Church. It has about half a million American members.

MENTION is made from Washington that a proposition will come before Congress this winter increasing the salaries of the members of the Cabinet and of the heads of important bureaus. Accompanying this information is the statement that the present pay of these officials is not sufficient for the keeping of the establishment and the style of entertainment the people expect of them. This is a fact which has long been known and regretted.

SERGEANT BATES, the American pedestrian, who has made a wager that he can travel on foot through England, without molestation, carrying the American flag, started from Glasgow on Tuesday last in the costume he adopted in America, carrying his flag on a short staff. He proceeded to Kendall, whence he will walk to Lancaster. His route thence will be through Preston, Bolton, Manchester, Maidesville, Birmingham, Warwick, and Oxford to London, where his trip will end.

MELBOURNE, in Australia, is rejoicing extremely at the completion of the telegraph line across the island, which puts them into immediate communication with the rest of the world. The event is to be celebrated by a public banquet, fireworks and illumination similar to the proceedings in New York in 1858, when the first Atlantic cable was successfully laid. It is to be hoped, however, that the people of Melbourne will not, on the occasion of their rejoicings, burn down their magnificent public buildings, as the New Yorkers did their City Hall in 1858.

THE supervision of all the youths educated in the French public schools is hereafter to be entrusted to prefects taken from retired officers of the army, instead of from the professors of the Sorbonne Theological Seminary, as heretofore. The duty of the prefects is to watch over the discipline of the establishments with which they are respectively connected and to attend to the education of the pupils, by making them repeat or rehearse their work prior to their recitation in class. Every college is to have a staff of prefects, composed of a captain, six lieutenants and six adjutants. Military drill is to form a prominent feature in the educational course.

WESTERN Michigan has turned its attention to the growing of fruit trees and grape vines, and the following figures are given, as showing the statistics of that region: Peach trees, 900,000; apple trees, 170,000; pear trees, 140,000; plum trees, 30,000; cherry trees, 25,000; quince trees, 10,000, and grape vines, 180,000. A great many acres are also devoted to the cultivation of berries, and it is estimated that there are 900 acres of raspberries, 360 acres of strawberries, and 600 acres of blackberries under cultivation. Land in the fruit district is worth from $250 to $300 per acre. Muskegon county is the principal seat of fruit and grape growing.

A REMARKABLE criminal is described by *The Asheville* (N. C.) *Pioneer*—the ex-Rev. William Wilson, of Yancey county, who has just been sent for nine years to the Penitentiary. Before the war, he was a Baptist minister in good standing, and commanded the respect and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. Domestic infelicity led him to abandon his wife. He thus fell into disfavor with the religious community, so that he abandoned the ministry and betook himself to highway robbery. Singularly enough, he goes to prison for robbing a wagon in 1865. For five years he evaded arrest, was then tried, carried his case up on law points, and now the verdict is sustained. Speaking of his unfortunate man, we may mention that the ex-Rev. Mr. Green, one of the most noted convicts in the Indiana State Prison, was discharged on the 25th ult., by expiration of time. His crime was forgery. He was once a Baptist preacher of some note, and is a man of fine talents. In prison he has been the leader of various moral reforms, and has been especially active in organizing a temperance society among the inmates.

THE last conference of the Baptist clergy in Boston and the vicinity, adopted a platform whose principles are likely to lead to a division, or, at least a controversy, in the Church. The question of "Close Communion" was very summarily settled. It only required four resolutions to dispose of it. The first took the broad view that immersion is the only form of Christian baptism; the second, that Christian churches should be composed exclusively of those regenerate persons who have been thus baptized; and the fourth, that the "courtesy" of the Lord's Supper "should be given to none but orderly members of the churches properly constituted." This platform is very much like a syllogism, which only incidentally determines the doctrine of close Communion, but logically (the premises being admitted) concludes that the Baptist Church is the only Christian Church in the world.

REFUSED—Application has recently been made for an extension of the patent on Dick's Mailing Machine. The application has been refused on the ground that the patentee has been adequately paid for his invention.

PERSONAL.

GENERAL FREMONT and "Jessie" have gone to Europe.

A LIKENESS of Thaddeus Stevens, we read, is to be stamped on one denomination of the national nickle coin.

PROFESSOR MOSES COIT TYLER denies the statement that the best Greek scholar in the University of Michigan is a woman.

MR. BEECHER is reported to have vindicated himself in these terms: "If you are walking down the street and a chambermaid empties a slop-pail on your head, what can you do about it but wash yourself and move on?"

IT is likely to fare hard with Woodhull, Claflin, and their associates. They got hold of the wrong man when they published a libel on Mr. Challis. That gentleman announces his intentions of spending one hundred thousand dollars, if necessary, to convict them.

A POMGRET (Connecticut) woman recently lost a favorite hen, and revenged herself by poisoning the corpse with strychnine, the result being a dead owl, one of the largest varieties known in New England, with a six feet spread of wings, a dead fox and a skunk.

EMILIO CASTELAR and King Amadeus of Spain met recently in a side-path in the Madrid Pardo. The King, who had never been introduced to Castelar, approached the great Republican orator, and, shaking his hand, said to him: "Senor, I admire your genius." "And I," said Castelar, "admire your Majesty's courage."

A YOUNG man who applied at the recruiting station in one of our far Western States for enlistment, was asked if he could sleep on the "point of a bayonet," when he promptly replied by saying, "he could try it, as he had often slept on a pint of whisky, and the kind used in Lisbon would kill farther than any shooting iron he ever saw."

A YOUNG officer of the British House of Commons wore a tremendous pair of mustaches, on which one of the members said, "My dear fellow, now the war is over, why don't you put your moustaches on the peace establishment?"—"Had you not better put your tongue on the civil list?" was the prompt and happy retort.

THE English Attorney-General (Sir J. D. Coleridge) in a recent speech expressed his disgust at the American arguments at Geneva and his desire to pommel us. He said that there was much which happened at Geneva "to make an Englishman's face hot and his blood to tingle," and that as he reads the American arguments, "though I am a man of peace my fingers itch." This is very, very sad.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN, the famous tragedienne, has with her a faithful colored servant, named Sally, who has been in her service over thirty years. The closeness with which this woman follows the fortunes of her renowned mistress is shown in the fact that she has crossed the Atlantic with Miss Cushman no less than fourteen times. Miss Cushman now regards Sallie more in the light of a true and confidential friend than in that of a hired servant.

A BAPTIST minister at Harlem, New York, got into trouble, the other day, by remarking at the funeral of a member of his church, "This man was a lazy Christian," and, upon the family of the deceased objecting to such language, made matters worse, the following Sunday, by saying, "There is a family in the church who are my enemies for the reason that I did not say that the soul of a sot was in heaven." The result of which is that the ingenuous clergyman has been hauled before a council for misdemeanor.

A CORRESPONDENT, who recently saw King Victor Emmanuel, gives the following unpleasant picture of His Majesty: "His Majesty," says the *Crusader*, "was looking even more repulsively ugly than usual, his head nearly disappearing between his shoulders in consequence of his increasing bulk, and his complexion, always dark, having become nearly black. His neck is now so short from obesity that his enormous mustaches rest on each shoulder, and a perpetual scow clouds his face. The excommunication is written there in capital letters, and he seems, and probably is, the most miserable, as he certainly is one of the worst of men."

AMONG those who called at the Executive Mansion last Thursday was ex-Secretary of the Interior J. Pitt Kirkwood. It will be recollected that this gentleman resigned that office owing to an absence of accord with the President in the administration of the department. The correspondence published at the time was, though courteous, not marked by professions of friendship, and the two separated, Gen. Cox returning to Ohio without the usual preliminary of a farewell call on the President. In view of these facts the visit of General Cox attracted more than ordinary notice, his object being to pay his respects to the President. The interview is represented as cordial with both these gentlemen.

ALL the world knows that A. T. Stewart is building a city of Homestead Plains; 100 elegant houses are going up, broad boulevards are laid out, railroads are planned to connect with all the great lines to New York, and a project is on foot to run to the city with steam. Each of the houses will cost about fifteen thousand dollars or more, but he will sell nothing. To applicants he has one answer, "I have nothing to sell." Some think Stewart intends to complete the whole city before he puts anything on the market. His great structure in New York, known as the Home for Sewing Girls, is nearly done. It is now said that it is not to be a home for girls at all, but is to be a mammoth hotel, to be run by the Lelands.

COLONEL DAVIS, United States Consul at Cardiff, Wales, has been on trial there for assaulting an old man whom he met on the public highway. When the Colonel was examined he denied that he had used any unnecessary force, he said: "I was excited by his language to me, the representative of a great and powerful nation. [Laughter.] The representative of forty millions of people. [Laughter.] It excited the blood which I showed in defense of those people, and striking for the freedom of the name under the broad and beautiful banner of the stars and stripes. [Loud laughter.] He said something very disrespectful of the President of the United States." [Laughter.] Judgment on this grave international difficulty was reserved.

A NEW YORK telegram of the 3d to the Cincinnati *Enquirer* says: "Henry Ward Beecher read Luke 12, from the first to the thirty-first chapter this morning. His temple was filled, even though not a street car was run; but the many who had walked miles through the storm to hear some denial of Woodhull & Claflin's charges were disappointed. His nearest approach to the subject was his prayer, in which he fervently God that the Church had been preserved from unseemly divisions and from the accusations of sinful men. His probable course is indicated in his reply to a gentleman on the Fulton Ferry. 'If,' said he, 'you are walking down the street, and a chambermaid empties a slop-pail on your head, what can you do about it but wash yourself and move on?'"

A WRITER in the Pall Mall *Gazette* advocates the "cat" as a proper means of retaliating on ruffians, but still thinks that on the whole a better punishment would be the employment of the galvanic battery. This civilized gentleman prefers this mania of treatment because, while a current may be caused to run through the human frame sufficiently strong to "resemble the breaking of the bones" or to "stimulate the touch of hot iron," the person undergoing such a sort of punishment could be liberated from it at a moment's warning, and all pain would instantly disappear, leaving no "lacerated flesh" or "livid weals." The proposed method certainly has great advantages over the old, and is fully in accord with the scientific spirit of the age.

MORGANATIC marriages are quiet common among the princes of German royal families. These left-handed marriages, as they are called, are legitimate marriages between members of noble families and women of an inferior condition, and which do not confer on the children issuing from them a right to the rank and title of the father. Among those who have formed such unions in Europe may be noted Victor Emmanuel and the Countess Mirafiori; Frederick William III., father of the present Emperor of Germany, with the Countess Harrack, who still lives. Leopold I. late King of the Belgians, with the Baroness Mayer; Prince Albert of Prussia, brother of the Emperor William of Germany, with the Countess de Hohenau; and Prince Adalbert of Prussia with Theresa de Barnim, *nee* Elsler.

GEN. S. B. BUCKNER, of Louisville, is likely to be annoyed in the possession of the Chicago property given him by the decision of the Illinois Courts last year. A suit has been commenced in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, by Henry W. Kingsbury, infant heir of Capt. H. Kingsbury, against S. B. Buckner, for the property, now valued at over $1,000,000. Capt. Kingsbury, who was mortally wounded at Antietam, before his death, deeded back the property which he held for Gen. Buckner, to keep it from being confiscated during the war, for the consideration of $1, and his heir now claims that this was done without his knowledge, and that he has a prior right to the property. Buckner having used funds of his aunt (Mrs. Buckner was a Miss Kingsbury) to the amount of the value of the property at that time.

CRUMBS OF COMFORT.

The Consolation Mr. Horace Greeley Extracts from the Election.

[From the Tribune of Thursday.]

There has been no time, until now, within the last twelve years, when the *Tribune* was not supposed to keep, for the benefit of the idle and incapable, a sort of Federal employment agency, established to get places under the Government for those who were indisposed to work for their living. Any man who had ever voted the Republican ticket believed that it was the duty and the privilege of the editor of this paper to get him a place in the Custom House. Every red-nosed politician who had cheated at the caucus and fought at the polls looked at the editor of the *Tribune* to secure his appointment as gauger, or as army chaplain, or as Minister to France. Every campaign orator came upon us after the battle was over for a recommendation as Secretary of the Treasury or the loan of half a dollar. If one of our party had an interest pending at Washington, the editor of the *Tribune* was telegraphed in frantic haste to come to the capitol, save this bill, crush that one, promote one project or stop another. He was to be Everybody's Friend, with nothing to do but to take care of other folks' business, sign papers, write letters, and ask favors for them, and to get no thanks for it either. Four-fifths of these people were sent away without what they wanted, only to become straightway abusive enemies;—it was the worry of life to try to gratify one demand in a dozen for the other fifth.

The man with two wooden legs congratulated himself that he could never be troubled with cold feet. It is a source of profound satisfaction to us that office-seekers will keep aloof from a defeated candidate who has not influence enough at Washington or Albany to get a sweeper appointed under the Sergeant-at-Arms, or a deputy-sub-assistant temporary clerk into the paste-pot section of the folding-room. At last we shall be let alone to mind our own affairs and manage our own newspaper, without being called aside every hour to help lazy people whom we don't know and to spend our strength in efforts that only benefit people who don't deserve assistance. At last we shall keep our office clear of blatherskites and political beggars, and go about our daily work with the satisfaction of knowing that not the most credulous of place-hunters will suspect us of having any credit with the appointing powers. That is one of the results of Tuesday's election for which we own ourselves profoundly grateful.

IN a letter recently published in the London *Times*, Mr. Reed, formerly Chief Constructor, asserts and laments the present comparatively weak condition of the British navy. Two years ago England's naval vessels were so strong and many that in respect of them she occupied not only the first place in European powers, but, relatively, a place superior to any which she had previously occupied. Now, however, in Mr. Reed's words, she has lost the lead in the race, is rapidly falling off and losing "the practicability of competing in the race." Russia and Prussia have outstripped her—she has not an iron-clad which will compare with the Peter the Great, and in case of war would be very badly off indeed.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, November 9, 1872.

As autumn draws nearer and nearer to a close, the improvement in local money matters becomes more and more perceptible. The larger banks, with but a few exceptions, and those the ones that declare the largest dividends, report themselves to comfortable condition, fully able to provide for the wants of all those who have legitimate claims upon them. The fine weather of the past few days has had quite an animating effect, and were it not for the issue of the election, business in most all branches would be fully up to all that could be expected at this season of the year. As it is, there is no complaint, and a week or ten days of rest occasionally to over-worked Pittsburgh is not only beneficial to horsedash, but also to that animal called "man." A rest is frequently beneficial to over-worked brains and muscle, and when people do not partake of a sufficiency of it, something often turns up to give them a full, tasty, whether they will or no.

The Bank of England has advanced her maximum rate of interest to seven per cent. This will have the effect of stimulating the shipment of gold to England to bring the premium here, and make trade and commerce in this country considerably better than it has been of late. With a continuance of this rate of interest in England, with a fair premium for gold here, American manufacturers would have but little to fear from English competition, and in a short period they would be able to surround their trade with a protection from increased skill and other advantages, so that no trouble, from importation at least, could reach them. This, with an ample circulating medium, would bring about a state things that would to the industrial classes be extremely gratifying, and break down those barriers between the more aristocratic and middle classes, which alone prevents the American people from becoming as great society as they have already become politically. Merit would then be the standard, and the honest, upright, intelligent and industrious would be accorded what is really their right—the post of honor among their fellows. The world is now undergoing vast changes. The cloud which has escaped the mind of man during the past age is being rapidly dissipated, and a clear, unmarred firmament is coming into view, which will enlighten and elevate all peoples, and teach each man that as all have come from a common parent, he must respect his fellow man, and yield to him the same rights, privileges and immunities that he may expect or has a right to look for from those who surround him.

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" (coupons)	116¾
5-20s—1862	112¾
5-20—1864	112¾
" 1865	112¾
" 1865 new	113
" 1867	113⅝
" 1868 (coupons)	114¾
10-40s	108½
" (coupons)	108½
Currency 6's	114¾
RAILWAYS.	
New York Central	94¾
Erie	50¾
Michigan Southern	91½
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	89¾
Rock Island	103¾
North Western, Common	85¾
Pacific Mail	36¾
Western Union Telegraph	76¾
Ohio & Mississippi	46¾
Union Pacific	36¾
Toledo & Wabash	71¾
Fort Wayne	95
Adams Express	70¾
American Express	79
United States Express	87
Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express	115¾
Harlem	136

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Penna. Central	86½
Reading R. R	87¾
United Co.'s New Jersey	124¾
Oil Creek & Alleg'y R. R	55
Lehigh Valley R. R	88¾
Philadelphia & Erie	26¾
Lehigh Navigation	88¾
Pittsburgh City 6's	76¼
A. V. R. R. 7 30's	bid
Central Transportation	47

NEW YORK, November 9, 1872.

Gold was very strong all day [at 113⅝@ 113¾, sold up to 113¾, and closed firm at 113¾@113⅝. Loans were from 1 to 9 per cent. for carrying. Clearings $86,000,000. Export of specie for the week $43,399,205. The Assistant Treasurer paid out $473,000 on account of interest, and $16,000 in redemption of 5-20s. Money easy at 4 to 6 per cent; closed at 5. The weekly bank statement was unfavorable. The total reserve has fallen off $1,929,900, caused by a large loss in legal tenders. The net reserve of the banks is now reduced to $3,936,775. State bonds dull and steady at about yesterday's prices. Governments steady, with bid prices of 5-20s of May and November 1's per cent. lower. On the second call prices came back to last night's quotations. The market closed firm and strong. The stock market was heavy and dull, with lower prices during the day. In the afternoon the market was heavy and very irregular, with a decline of ⅛ to 1½ per cent at the final close. The decline of C. C. & I. C. was based on a report that the road had been disbanded. Northwestern common and Western Union were exceptionally steady. The balance of business was larger in loving specialties, but dullness was the chief feature of the general list.

GOVERNMENTS.—United States 6s '81 coupons 116⅝@116⅜; do '62, 112¼@112⅜; do '64, 112¾@ 112⅞; do '65, new, 113⅝@113⅞; do '67s, 113¾@ 113⅞; do '68, coupons, 114@114⅛; currency 6s, 113⅝@113¾; new 5 per cents 109¾.

BONDS.—Tennessee, 74¾; new, 74; April 27; Missouri, 6s, 93; Union Pacific, 1, 6, 76¾; Union Pacific, Inc., 81¾.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Western Union 78¾; Adams Express, 95; Fargo Express, 87; American Express, 70¾; United States Express, 79; Quicksilver, 47; Pacific Mail, 36¾; New York Central, 94¾; Erie, 50¾; Harlem, 135½; Michigan Central, 114; Michigan Southern, 91¾; Union Pacific, 36¾; Illinois Central, 121½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 89¾; Northwestern & Chicago, 85¾; do preferred, 87¾; Rock Island, 103½; St. Paul, 58¾; do preferred, 75¾; Toledo & Wabash, 71¾; Fort Wayne, 94; Ohio & Mississippi, 46¾.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARD, EAST LIBERTY, FRIDAY, November 9, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Following shows the receipts of stock at these yards during the week ending to-day; as well as a comparison with the previous week:

	This week.	Last week.
Cattle	376 cars.	350 cars
Hogs	324 "	161 "
Sheep	54 "	55 "
Horses	3 "	14 "
Mules		8 "
Total	757 "	578 "

CATTLE.

The market during the week which has closed was moderately active, and while the arrivals were again comparatively light, the supply was fully up to the demand, and there was, in consequence, no quotable change in prices; one of the most prominent characteristics of the market consisted in a diminished demand for the lower grades, and if anything there was rather more inquiry for prime shipping steers, and with a very limited supply of the latter kind the market was perhaps a shade stronger, although, as already stated, there was no improvement in prices. The attendance of country buyers was comparatively small, and to this may be attributed the falling off in the demand for common cattle, as they operate mainly in stock of this character; hence we are dependent on them to buy these grades, and consequently, their nonappearance was not without its effect—exerted an unsatisfactory influence, and caused the market to drag. However, prime shipping stock, in consequence of a limited supply, ruled a shade firmer, particularly toward the close, but as compared with last week, there was no improvement in prices; prime to extra may be quoted at 6¼@6¾—there was one bunch of very fine Short Horn Ohio steers sold at 7 cts, but this may be considered a fancy price; medium to good at 5½@6.

There was an unusually brisk demand for work oxen, this week, to take the place of horses, and, with a limited supply on hand, was very stiff and prices advanced right sharply; one bunch of 16 head brought 5¾ cts per lb—single yokes were sold all the ways from 6 to 8 cts per lb, according to capacity, etc., etc. It is probable that as soon as the roads get in better this week, as the increased demand and advanced prices will stimulate shipments but as long as the horse disease continues, they will be wanted, and will bring full prices; however, we would advise our friends in the country not to engage too largely in the ox trade, as the probability is that it like everything else, it will be overdone, and broken, it is not likely that oxen will be wanted in place of horses longer than a couple of weeks, as the epizootic will no doubt have spent itself by that time.

The following are the ruling quotations at this time for the different grades:

Prime to extra 1,300 to 1,400 steers	6 50@6 75
Good 1,100@1,200 steers	5 50@6 00
Fair 900 to 1,000 steers	4 50@5 00
Old cows and rough stags	2 00@3 50
Bulls	2 25@3 00

SHEEP.

The arrivals were again comparatively light, and with an average demand trade was rather better, though there is no quotable change in prices; the "markets east are only fair and but for the light receipts, our market could not be sustained; as shippers are buying very sparingly, and with anything like an over-supply, there would undoubtedly be considerable shrinkage in values. Forty five to fifty cars is about all that can now be sold here each week, whereas sixty days ago, Erisman, (a New York shipper) bought nearly that number himself; hence trade is no better, notwithstanding the diminished receipts, as the demand has fallen off in the same ratio with the receipts, and the market, all things considered, is nothing to brag about, though it might and has often been a good deal worse.

Quotations may be fairly given as follows:

Fine wool, 95@100 lbs	5 75@6 00
" " 85@90 lbs	5 25@5 50
" " 80@85 lbs	4 75@5 00
Indianas, 95@110 lbs	5 00@5 25
Lambs 60@65 lbs	6 00@6 50
Seahwag Sheep, per head	1 50@2 50

HOGS.

The arrivals as will be seen were heavy, more than double those of last week, and the market for heavy stock, in consequence of an over supply and a diminished demand, has been and continues very dull, and the close of last week closed by country dealers. Philadelphia hogs, but not over one-half of them were considered such by experts, and besides, as we have already intimated there is not much inquiry even for the best light, smooth, even York hogs weighing say from 140 to 170 lbs, are scarce and in demand, and may be quoted at 4.70@5 cts—the light weights bringing the highest prices, which is something unusual, there being a difference at present time of from 40 to 50 cents between light and heavy hogs, which is owing to a scarcity of the one and an over-supply of the other; and even at this difference the former are selling more readily than the latter.

Mr. E. H. Myers, one of our Pittsburgh packers, bought a very nice bunch, of medium weight and fine quality, at 4¾ cents. Prime to extra Philadelphia hogs sold to-day at 4.65@4.95 against 5@5.15 at the commencement of the week.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, November 9, 1872.

The market for both crude and refined has ruled very firm during the past two days, and during the whole there was a sharp advance in prices. Crude has advanced 50 @ 75 cents per bbl; $4.55 was the price at Parder to-day, equal to 11¾ cents per gallon here. Refined is also firmer and higher, and the volume of business, particularly during the latter part of the week, has been unusually large. Sales were made on Friday of some 8,000 or 10,000 bbls. at 26¼, while to-day 26¾ was bid, and 27 asked. Philadelphia delivery; and 27¼ in New York. A fair trade is doing with the south or west, and the inference is that those sections are pretty well supplied; we now quote at 23¼@23½, on cars here, that is for standard brands. For refined in bond for export the market is firm to the western trade, because in many respects it is more satisfactory and 1,000 or 5,000 bbls. can be sold to exporters, easier than 50 barrels to many of the western dealers.

Oil barrels continue scarce and in demand though prices are without quotable change; city, $2,15; country, $2,10. The receipts thus far by river have not been as large as anticipated, and hence, prices have been sustained longer than expected.

The combination among the producers seems to extend throughout the entire regions; the Parker market is now controlled by the combination and the price to-day was fixed at $4.55.

Receipts crude this week..... 29,812 bbls.
" " last week..... 53,965 "
" " January 1to date..1,042,610 "
" " same time 1871.....728,076 "

Exports refined this week..... 45,681 "
" " last week..... 14,989 "
" " January 1st to date.....643,811 "
" " same time 1871.....648,028 "

REFINED OIL SHIPPED EAST.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Brann & W. 450 bbls to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.

L. Irwin & Co., 156 bbls. to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.

Livingston & Bros., 362 bbls. to Warden, Frew & Co. Philadelphia.

Citizens Oil Co. 465 bbls to Tack Bros. & Co., New York.

Central Ref. Co. 525 bbls to Logan Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.

Total..... 1956

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL.

American O W acct, Duncan & Y	80
American O W, acct. P. Hilliard	462
Citizens O W, acct. Hutchinson & B	80
Oleopils O W, acct. W. Stewart	462
Standard O W, acct. Duncan & Y	560
Nonpareil O W acct. Duncan & Y	308
Fairview O W, acct. T. King	80
Aladdin O W, acct. Thos. King	148
Model O W, acct. J. Bushnell	388
Citizens O W, acct. Tack Bro	308
Brilliant O W, acct. J. Bushnell	74
Standard O W, acct. J. Bushnell	314
Keystone O W, acct. J. Bushnell	226
Nonpareil O W acct. J. Bushnell	308
Total	3368

Iron Markets.

NEW YORK.—The market for Scotch Pig shows no particular change; holders generally are asking up to our quotations, but buyers offer much less figures, thereby causing a very quiet market; there is no disposition to press goods, but, in the absence of any demand of moment, lower prices would have to be accepted to induce business to any extent; we have only to note 75 tons Glengarnock at $53; we quote Eglinton $47@48; Glengarnock $46@51, Gartsherrie $54, Carnbroe $49; Langloan $52, and Coltness $56@57, but these figures are to some extent nominal. No. 1 brands of American Pig continue exceedingly scarce, especially the Allentown and Thomas brands, and are only obtained with difficulty; No 2 and Gray Forge are more plenty; we note sales of 100 tons Allentown at $50@55; and 100 do. No. 2 4 Thomas, $53; we quote No. 1 $51@55, No. 2 $48@50; and Gray Forge $40@43.

PHILADELPHIA.—Pig Iron is decidedly slow of sale, and prices hardly so firm. Sales of No. 1 foundry at $53 and No. 2 $51@52. Scotch pig nominal. Bar Iron is steady at 5 2-10c. Nails command $6 per keg.

LIVERPOOL.—From Liverpool paper, 26th ult. Iron—Prices have advanced 0 M Hurry 1 cts

HARRISBURG.

Spicy Notes from Occasional.

THE CAPITAL BRIGHTENING UP.

The Coming Constitutional Convention.

A LITTLE BIT OF THE PROGRAMME.

The Plans of the Leaders.

GUESSING ON GOV. HARTRANFT'S CABINET.

The United States Senatorship Settled.

Personal Notes of Active Workers.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

HARRISBURG, Nov. 9, 1872.

SIGNS OF COMING EXCITEMENT.

Harrisburg presents a lively appearance just now—the inspiration being the approaching Constitutional Convention, which will open next Tuesday. Already the visitors from all parts of the State have commenced to arrive, and as each train brings in a fresh load, the place is beginning to fill up with members of the Convention, and a large majority who are not members—the latter class including numerous politicians, not a few office seekers, and a goodly sprinkling of other folks, to whom the Convention is the great attraction. Thus far, only three of the members of Allegheny county have presented themselves, but I suppose, they, with the other members will be on time. The Allegheny delegates I understand have engaged quarters at the Lochiel House, which seems to be the favorite headquarters; it is the rendezvous for many of the other delegations, and the general headquarters of the Republicans from all parts of the State. By the way I notice a decided improvement in the Lochiel. The artizans have been at work since I was last here and the house has been thoroughly renovated, repaired, refreshened up and generally "put through," making it one of the most comfortable and elegant in the State. It is pleasant too, to find that it is presided over by one of the princes among hotel managers, Mr. George Hunter, who has in no way more conclusively shown his tact, than by surrounding himself with a corps of *courteous* assistants. I use that word in its strongest sense, for it is really a pleasure to note courteous attaches of a hotel in Harrisburg. If any Pittsburgers propose coming to Harrisburg and desire to stay at the Lochiel, they had better telegraph in advance and secure rooms, or they might not get them. The hotel is a very large one, but it won't hold everybody, and it pays to be the headquarters now of all who want to keep posted on current topics.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Convention of course is perhaps the chief topic of dissussion just now and the main interest centers on the question of presiding officers. It is conceded, however on all hands that Gen. Wm. Meredith of Philadelphia, will be permanent presiding officer. The programme as near as I can learn and future events will show my information to be correct—will be about as follows: The Convention will be called to order by Gen. Jordan, the present Secretary of State, as is provided for in the resolution, calling the Convention. Gen. Harry White will then be chosen temporary chairman, and a committee on organization will be appointed with power to to select a permanent chairman and to report the number of officers necessary for the body. That committee in their report,—after naming Gen. Meredith as Permanent President—will recommend the election of a Vice President. This will be done for the reason that Gen. Meredith is physically not able to preside during the entire session, and by having a Vice President all trouble of calling members to the chair as Presiding *pro tem* will be obviated. For this position of Vice President Hon. Wm. H. Armstrong will be chosen, who, so far as the actual labor is concerned will be practically President. The reason assigned for making Meredith the figure head is somewhat singular. It is said that the Democrats knowing his popularity, and knowing their inability to elect a President alone, had laid plans to spring him on the Convention as *their* choice, hoping by his personal popularity to secure enough Republican votes with theirs to elect him; then upon the strength of that, demand a division,—half,—of the minor offices. But as the shrewd Pennsylvanians, Bobbie, says the "best laid plans of mice and men aft gang aglee," the Democrats will find that familiar, singularly, truthful remark, exemplified in their schemes. The Republicans were not so slow as they imagined, and so they have settled on Meredith, with an assistant, and intend claiming all the offices, on the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," the result finally adjusting itself.

The Convention will assemble in the Lower House of Representatives, and make that the headquarters until the Legislature convenes in January. It is thought that by that time the body will be thoroughly organized, all the committees appointed, and the work laid out. The Convention will then adjourn until the first of March, when it will again assemble and finish—at least that is the arrangement—and the Convention will have the hall again, re-convene and commence business. Another project is to have the State Library fitted up for the Convention so that by the time it is compelled to give up the Lower House, the Library can be occupied. This plan, however, would cost the several thousand dollars, and will be opposed by two classes—the economically disposed, and those who wish to have a finger in both the pies—Legislative and Convention. It also has to be considered that the committee and other rooms, will be taken up by the Legislature, and it would be impossible to have the two bodies in session at the same time. By the Gazette reporter here today (Saturday), I notice that the Councils of Pittsburgh propose inviting the Convention to Pittsburgh, and your editor, [and I suppose all other Pittsburghers,] thinks the invitation should be accepted. I think you may rest easy on that score. Don't elate the hotel keepers; the Convention will hardly be around Pittsburgh. There is an impression here that waiter's may's bills are very heavy and very necessary there, and some of the "Constitutionals" would object to sinking half their salaries in that fund; while there is other and further inconveniences in the Pittsburgh trip. Perhaps, however, the most powerful reason why Pittsburgh will not be favored is the fact that the Convention—in all probability—will not go out of Harrisburg. There are many corporations in the State interested in this body—they were not idle when some of delegates were chosen, and the people of the "Keystone" may find that the power behind the throne comes from these corporations. They will run it, perhaps, to suit themselves, and, as the Legislature must also be attended to, will keep it in Harrisburg. "Killing two birds with one stone," you see.

The next question of interest outside of the Convention is in reference to

GOV. HARTRANFT'S CABINET.

The amount of guessing done in this direction is alone equalled by a similar exercise when Gen. Grant was first elected. From what I can learn—and I got my information from Gen. Hartranft personally—the composition of the cabinet will not be known until his inauguration, when he will announce it himself. He told me he intends selecting men who will not only be satisfactory to the party and give general pleasure, but who will also fill the offices properly; not hold them as sinecures, with their deputies doing the work. The leaders of the party will not interfere with him; they propose to allow him to make his own cabinet and then to hold him responsible. I know of two gentlemen at the head of the party who have refused to speak to him on the subject, and who say they do not want to even know who he wishes to appoint. It is generally presumed that the Secretary of State will come from the West, and the Attorney General from the East; the Adjutant General will be a soldier who has upheld the "Keystone's" honor in the field. I predict that the Secretary of State will come from within thirty miles of Pittsburgh.

PENNSYLVANIA IN GRANT'S CABINET.

Some discussion is going on with reference to this matter, but the politicians generally believe that Pennsylvania will have no cabinet officer, at least for the present. I heard last evening that the Russian mission to be made vacant by Curtin, if not vacant already, will not be filled by a Pennsylvanian, as it was promised more than a year ago, in case of a vacancy, to a representative from another State.

PERSONAL.

Major Ernett, who was the indefatigable Chairman of the State Central Committee, during the campaign, and to whom much of the credit of our great victory is due, passed through here this evening on his way home to recuperate. He says he must have a few weeks rest and is going to take it before the Legislature meets. It is understood that he will be Sergeant and will accept the Clerkship of the Senate. Republicans are unanimous for him so far as I could hear, and anxious for him to accept. I am told that he refused the Commissionership of Internal Revenue, and declines to take any appointment from either, President Grant or Gov. Hartranft—preferring to stay where he naturally belongs—in State politics.

Gen. Harrison Allen, our new Auditor General, arrived here this evening, and will at once prepare to enter upon his official duties. It is to be hoped that he will make no change in his clerkships where the old hands are willing to stay. They are all well qualified for their positions, and by their general urbanity and efficiency have won friends among all who have had business at the Auditor's office.

THE UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP.

I hear, on good authority that Gen Cameron will be presented for re-election as United States Senator, and will go through without opposition.

Hon. George H. Anderson, of your city, will be the Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Rutan, of Beaver, is in town. The Senator has a host of friends here as well as at home. Mr. Rutan will some day occupy a higher position in the State.

Hon. A. G. Curtin is here, stopping at the Bolton House, headquarters of the Democracy, where he belongs. He looks care-worn, and no doubt feels bad. He is[only serving as a member of the Constitutional Convention. A movement is on foot to give him the complimentary Democratic vote for Chairman of the Convention. OCCASIONAL.

—The defeated parties in Tennessee are becoming reconciled to the result of the election, and hope that good may follow. As an indication of their hopefulness, we may state that a Northern gentleman of large capital, who had concluded to emigrate to St. Louis, has since the election determined to remain in Tennessee, believing that a new policy will be inaugurated for the development of the resources of that State.

—Matamoras letters received from President Lerdo and the Minister of Foreign Relations, state that the Mexican frontier commission will strictly investigate the complaints as to cattle stealing, and that the Mexican Government will aid that of the United States in putting an end to all disturbances. The Mexican Government is resolved to foster internal improvements, to connect Mexico and the United States, and to encourage foreign emigration.

THE OLD WORLD.

FRANCE.

TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.

PARIS, November 9.—At the village of Montceau, while the miners were at work in the coal, while the miners were at work in the coal, while the miners were at work in the coal